

Engineering Heritage WA Wiki Site: Cheat Sheet

The wiki site aims to be a central repository of all engineering heritage information collated by EHWA. This document helps new contributors to access and edit pages.

Viewing the site

Anyone can view the website by visiting <http://ehwa.wikidot.com>

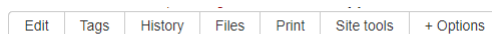
Currently the site serves advertisements to visitors. If we decide to continue with this provider we will pay a subscription fee to remove the ads.

Registering and Joining the EHWA Wiki

Go to <http://ehwa.wikidot.com/system:join> or click the Membership button in the top menu and follow the two-step process:

1. Click the 'Click here to join this site' button and enter the secret password: anythingispossible
2. Complete the registration for a wikidot user account or sign in with facebook

Sign in with your new account, then If your joining is successful you will see the action buttons at the bottom of each page:

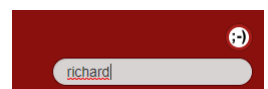


Basic Navigation

A wiki site is basically a bunch of separate pages that typically contain text and images. It is the navigation which makes a wiki site useable for its visitors. The main navigation methods include search, categories, tags, parents and direct links.

Search

All pages are accessible from the search icon in the top right of every page. Try searching for 'richard'.



Categories

The wiki's content pages are currently divided into five standard categories. A page can only belong to one category. Each category can have its own specific page template and theme to help capture and display information relevant to the category. For example, the People category template seeks to capture important information like first name, surname, date of birth and engineering discipline, while the Places category is more focussed on geographical information.

Each category's home page is accessible from both the wiki home page and from the Quick Links menu at the right side of every page.

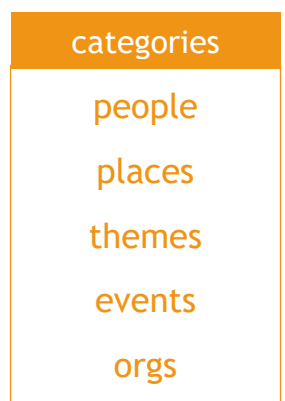
See an example category home page here:

<http://ehwa.wikidot.com/home:people>

See an example 'People' category page here:

<http://ehwa.wikidot.com/people:akroyd-stuart-charles>

Categories are used with the ListPages module to create an index of pages within specific category or group of categories.



To see which category a page is assigned to, just check the page address in your browser. The word just before the colon is the category. Note there are also some administrative categories automatically generated by the site.

To change a page's category choose the + Option button in the action bar, then choose Rename and enter a new name in the box provided.

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Rename/move page

The *rename* action will change the "unix name" of the page, i.e. the address via which the page is accessed.

Attention should be also paid to the pages that depend on this one either by directly linking to it or by including it. Click below to see what pages depend on this one.

Current page name: people:arney-arthur-edward

New page name:

Tags

Every page can be tagged with key words. A tag can be used on many pages, and each page can have many tags. These tags are very powerful, and can be used to create a 'tag cloud' linking visitors to the most popular tags, as well as indexes of tagged pages. We are developing a standardised set of tags for the EHWA site to enable pages to be indexed by era, theme, region, organisation type or alphabetically.

To see which tags are assigned to a page, just click the tags button in the action bar at the bottom of the page. You can also add more tags (or correct existing tags) while you are here. Tags can only be one word, multiple tags are separated by a space.

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Parents

Each page can also be allocated a 'parent' page. This supports the generation of a site map like the one shown here: <http://ehwa.wikidot.com/sitemap>

The EHWA wiki will only use parent-child to link subcategories to categories. For example, all biographies will be children of the Biographies page, which will be a child of the People page. Parents are used to show breadcrumbs at the top of each page.

Direct Links

The last way to get to a site is through a direct link from another page in the site (or external to the site). Including a range of direct links within each wiki page is very important, to allow a visitor to directly follow an interesting theme through to a more detailed page, and 'go down the rabbit hole'! Direct links also mean the visitor is less reliant on understanding the structure that we have imposed on the site.

Sitemap

A sitemap which tracks all the parent-child links for each category is available at <http://ehwa.wikidot.com/sitemap>

All pages

If all else fails, you can view a list of all pages in the site by going to <http://ehwa.wikidot.com/system:list-all-pages>

Editing an Existing page

Anyone who is logged into the site can edit any page. All edits are logged and can always be 'rolled back' if anything goes wrong, so don't be afraid to jump in and experiment! To edit any existing page, simply scroll down to the action bar and select the Edit button.



This will bring up a text box where you can add page content and format it using the special 'wiki mark-up'. An easy guide to simple mark-ups is included at the end of this document.

Building Links

There will be many opportunities to connect People to Places, Organisations and Events which may also appear in the wiki. The great thing is, that even if the page doesn't exist yet, a link can still be created.

Some examples of links:

[[[orgs:Public Works Department]]] < automatically links to orgs:public-works-department

[[[people:o-connor-charles-yelverton | C Y O'Connor]]] < use this method if the page name doesn't flow well with the text

[[[places:Ord River Diversion Dam]]]

The wiki will automatically convert any spaces into dashes in the name. If the page exists, the link will show up as red. If the page doesn't exist, the link will show as grey.

Creating a New page

There are several ways to create a new page. The easiest way is to use the 'Add a new bio' box in the right hand menu. This method will automatically set up the category and parent, and give you the option of following a page template for your content.

Add a new bio

You can also create a new page by clicking on any grey link on an existing page.

Easy Wiki Mark-up Guide

Format font + Level 1 Heading ++ Level 2 Heading * Bullet items # Numbered items > Blockquoted text //italic text// **bold text** ##red standard##	Format paragraph =Line is centred [[<]] Lines are aligned left [[/<]] [[>]] Lines are aligned right [[/>]] [[=]] Lines are centred [[/=]] [[==]] Lines are justified [[/=]]	Insert link [http://www.wikidot.com Text link] [[[category: Link to page]]] [[[name-of-page Link to page]]]
	Insert line or table ---- Horizontal line Simple table ~ heading	Insert image [[image :first attachment uri]] [[image size="medium"]] [[image link="name-of-page OR url"]] [[f<image alt="Float left"]]

See <https://www.wikidot.com/doc-wiki-syntax:start> for more